

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 11 of page 7 as follows:

~~This invention has been made to solve the problems as addressed above, and it is an object of the invention to~~ provides a method for refining 2, 6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid capable of obtaining 2, 6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid having excellent purity and color.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 15 of page 7 as follows:

~~It is another object of the invention to provide a method for refining 2, 6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid capable of refining 2, 6-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid in an easy and convenient manner, as well as one that is capable of saving energy and being environmentally friendly by re-using a solvent that is used during the refinement process and by using a byproduct of the reaction process as a solvent.~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 21 of page 7 as follows:

~~To achieve the aforementioned objects, the~~ The present invention provides a method for refining 2, 6-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid comprising recrystallizing crude 2, 6-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid in the form of an amine salt using a solvent comprising a protic polar solvent selected from the group consisting of an alcohol, water, and a mixture thereof, and an acetate.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 15 of page 9 as follows:

According to the first preferred embodiment of the invention, the refinement of 2, 6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid is carried out by the following procedures, comprising of (a) adding an amine to crude 2, 6-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid to ~~mix them~~ form a mixture; (b) dissolving the mixture of (a) in a protic polar solvent selected from the group consisting of an

alcohol, water, and a mixture thereof to

obtain an amine salt solution of 2, 6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid; (c) ~~filtrating~~ filtering the amine salt solution of (b) at a high temperature to form a filtrate, adding an acetate to the filtrate, and cooling ~~it the filtrate~~ to obtain an amine salt crystal of 2, 6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid; and (d) ~~filtrating~~ filtering and heating the amine salt crystal of 2, 6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid of (c) to ~~deaminize it~~ deaminate the salt.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 7 of page 10 as follows:

According to the second preferred embodiment of the invention, the refinement of 2, 6-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid is carried out by the following procedures, ~~comprising of~~ (a) adding an amine to crude 2, 6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid to ~~mix them~~ form a mixture; (b) adding a mixed solvent comprising a protic polar solvent selected from the group consisting of an alcohol, water, and a mixture thereof, and an acetate to the mixture of (a) and then dissolving ~~it the mixture~~ by heating to obtain an amine salt solution of 2, 6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid; (c) cooling the amine salt solution of (b) to room temperature to obtain an amine salt crystal of 2, 6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid; and (d) ~~filtrating~~ filtering, heating, and drying the amine salt crystal of 2, 6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid of (c) to ~~deaminize it~~ deaminate the salt.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 21 of page 10 as follows:

According to the third preferred embodiment of the invention, the refinement of 2, 6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid is carried out by the following procedures, ~~comprising of~~ (a) adding an amine to crude 2, 6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid to ~~mix them~~ form a mixture; (b) adding a mixed solvent, ~~comprising~~ including a protic polar solvent selected from

the group consisting of an alcohol, water, and a mixture thereof, and an acetate to the mixture of (a) and then dissolving ~~it~~ the mixture by heating to obtain an amine salt solution of 2, 6-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid; (c) ~~filtrating~~ filtering the amine salt solution of (b) at a high temperature to form a filtrate and then cooling the filtrate to room temperature to obtain an amine salt crystal of 2, 6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid; and (d) ~~filtrating~~ filtering, heating, and drying the amine salt crystal of 2, 6-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid of (c) to ~~deaminize it~~ deaminate the salt.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 3 of page 12 as follows:

The amine is required in an amount of more than one equivalent, preferably 10 to 1.2 equivalents with regard to each functional group of 2, 6-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid. The amine that ~~reacts to~~ with 2, 6-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid and forms a salt can be recovered by cooling when the salt is ~~deaminized~~ deaminated by heating.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 3 of page 12 as follows:

The solvent used in the invention ~~comprises~~ is a protic polar solvent selected from the group consisting of an alcohol, water, and a mixture thereof, and an acetate. Of the protic polar solvent, the alcohol and water are preferably used in a ratio of 1: 1 to 100: 1 by weight, and the solvent ~~comprising~~ is the protic polar solvent and acetate preferably ~~uses in~~ is in a 1: 1 to 1: 20 ratio of protic polar solvent to acetate by weight.